

How To Lead Someone To Christ

Leading someone to Christ is something that we should be compelled to do out of the love and forgiveness we have received from God through Jesus Christ. It is not something we should force on anyone nor is it something that we can do out of our own power. It should be done out of a heart of love and compassion for the lost and through the leading of the Holy Spirit. There will be times where the Holy Spirit will prepare a divine opportunity for you to share about Jesus with a random stranger in a random location where that individual will give their life to Christ at that moment. However, there are other situations where God may place a burden in your heart towards a family member, co-worker, or neighbor that is not at the moment ready to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In these moments God is calling you to simply be a friend and patiently and lovingly demonstrate the love of God through your words, actions, and prayer. In due time there will be an opportunity for you to lead them to Christ. Below are different tools to help you lead someone to Christ.

The Engel Scale

The Engel Scale was developed by James F. Engel as a way of representing the journey from no knowledge of God through to spiritual maturity as a Christian believer. The model is used by some Christians to emphasize the process of conversion, and the various decision-making steps that a person goes through before they become a Christian.

- +5 Stewardship
- +4 Communion with God
- +3 Conceptual and behavioral growth
- +2 Incorporation into Body
- +1 Post-decision evaluation
- New birth
- 1 Repentance and faith in Christ
- 2 Decision to act
- 3 Personal problem recognition
- 4 Positive attitude towards Gospel
- 5 Grasp implications of Gospel
- 6 Awareness of fundamentals of Gospel
- 7 Initial awareness of Gospel
- 8 Awareness of supreme being, no knowledge of Gospel

The ABC'S of Salvation

A. Admit you are a sinner.

"There is no one righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:10,23. (See Romans 5:8; 6:23.)

Ask God's forgiveness.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

B. Believe in Jesus

(put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (See John 14:6.)

Become a child of God by receiving Christ.

"To all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20.)

C. Confess that Jesus is your Lord.

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (See verse 10.)

The Romans Road

The Romans Road provides a detailed map for our salvation and eternal fellowship with God. Just follow these steps:

1. We must acknowledge God as the Creator of everything, accepting our humble position in God's created order and purpose. Romans 1:20-21

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

2. We must realize that we are sinners and that we need forgiveness. None of us are worthy under God's standards. Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

3. God gave us the way to be forgiven of our sins. He showed us His love by giving us the potential for life through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

4. If we remain sinners, we will die. However, if we repent of our sins, and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we will have eternal life. Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

5. Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and you are saved. Romans 10:9-10

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

6. There are no other religious formulas or rituals. Just call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved! Romans 10:13

"For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

7. Determine in your heart to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life today. Romans 11:36

"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."

Share your Testimony

One of the simplest ways to lead someone to Christ is by sharing about your past life in sin without Jesus and the transformation that took place in your life once you repented and trusted in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Share about the miracles you have experienced in your life and ask them if they would like to place their trust in Jesus.